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SUBJECT: NORTH NESSEN LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

1. SUMMARY: LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN RURAL NORTH HESSEN INFLICT FURTHER SEVERE SETBACKS ON SPD. MOST OF SPD LOSS WENT TO CDU, AND FDP GAINED ONLY SLIGHTLY. END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL ELECTIONS IN RURAL PARTS OF NORTH HESSEN MARCH 24 NECESSITATED BY ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM WHICH MERGED SEVERAL COUNTIES INTO THREE NEW, ENLARGED ENTITIES. THIS IS CONSERVATIVE, PROTESTANT COUNTRY WHICH TRADITIONALLY GAVE SPD LARGE MAJORITIES OR PLURALITIES AND WHERE FDP USED TO BE VERY STRONG BEFORE DAYS OF SOCIAL-LIBERAL COALITION. NORTH HESSEN SPD HAS BEEN WATCHING FRANKFURT SPD RADICALS WITH VERY JAUNDICED EYE.

3. SPD LOST AVERAGE 11.3 PERCENT IN THREE COUNTIES, LOSING ABSOLUTE MAJORITIES IN TWO AND PLURALITY IN ONE. CDU GAINED AVERAGE 9.6 PERCENT AND WRESTED PLURALITY FROM SPD ON ONE. FDP GAINED AVERAGE 1.1 PERCENT, AND STRENGTH IN THREE NEW COUNTIES NOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RAGES FROM 7 TO 11.8 PERCENT.

4. COMMENT: FDP INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT RECENT ELECTION RESULTS SUGGEST FDP GAINS INSUFFICIENT TO MAKE UP FOR HEAVY SPD LOSSES, THUS THREATENING COALITION MAJORITY. CDU AND FDP LEADERS DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF COUNTY LEVEL COOPERATION IF MARCH 24 RESULTS INDICATED, AND SUCH LOCAL "COALITION" NOW POSSIBLE IN WALDECK-FRANKENBERG WHERE CDU WON PLURALITY. ALTHOUGH HESSEN FDP LEADERS REAFFIRM ALLEGIANCE TO COALITION WITH SPD IN WIESBADEN AND BONN, AN ALLIANCE WITH CDU IN ONE COUNTY WOULD DEMONSTRATE PARTY'S "FLEXIBILITY" AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTACT WITH CDU THAT COULD PROVE USEFUL IF HESSEN LANDTAG ELECTION RESULTS THIS FALL LOOK LIKE THOSE IN WALDECK-FRANKENBERG YESTERDAY. HESSEN CDU CHAIRMAN DREGGER IS STILL ANATHEMA TO PRESENT FDP LEADERSHIP, BUT COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO PARTIES IN SINGEL RURAL COUNTY WOULD AVOID THAT OBSTACLE.

5. WE HAD LUNCHEON ENGAGEMENT TODAY WITH HESSEN SPD PARTY MANAGER DUDENE, WHO HAD TO POSTPONE MEETING BECAUSE PARTY LEADERS RUSHED HIM OFF TO NORTH HESSEN TO SURVEY DAMAGE. HARLAN

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